

Tails of Help

Service dogs provide support, companionship

Mayra Rivarola | COLLEGIAN

A pack of Labrador and golden retrievers wearing blue and yellow vests crowded the Union Courtyard Tuesday morning to show off their skills and demonstrate how helpful they can be in society.

The assistance dogs were exhibited along with dog owners, dog trainers and organizers, as part of K-State for All! Disability Awareness Week.

“We wanted to show the public what these dogs do for people,” said Jaclyn Anderson, assistant director of Disability Support Services. “It’s also important to educate people how to behave with service dogs, like they’re not supposed to come up and pet them when they’re working.”

Staff and volunteers from two non-profit groups, Canine Companions for Independence and Kansas Specialty Dogs, came to introduce their dogs to the audience and to talk about the process they go through before matching a dog with an owner, said Debra Sullers, assistant professor of family studies and human services and member of the DAW planning committee.

At CCI, the process begins with a breeding program. Volunteer breeder caretakers take care of the dogs in their homes and the puppies are taken to CCI national headquarters in Santa Rosa, Calif., when they are 8 weeks old.

After that, the puppies are matched with a volunteer puppy trainer, said Sandy Groth, Kansas City resident and CCI volunteer. Groth has trained four dogs and just got another puppy for training, which attracted large crowds of visitors.

“As you can see, we take them in when they are little fur balls,” she said. “We teach them basic commands, like when and where they should go to the toilet.”

The puppy trainers keep the dogs for 14 to 16 months, teaching them a total of 28 commands. After that, they are taken to a professional trainer for six months.

“Each one takes a piece of your heart,” Groth said. “They come into your homes and form part of your family.”

She said after the training the trainers return the dogs to the center for graduation, where they are matched up with their final owners if they pass a series of tests.

The graduation ceremony is done at the same time owners are matched up with their dogs, which makes it easier on the trainers, said Debbie Sloan, Kansas City resident and CCI volunteer.

Debbie has been volunteering with the group for five years but has only recently become a puppy trainer. She brought in her dog, Santiago, who is getting ready to graduate in six weeks. Sloan admitted that it will be hard to see him leave, although she still does it for



Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN

Sally Rosine, a volunteer puppy raiser, smiles at her 15 month old dog Donner. Puppy raisers raise dogs for a mere 16 months before they give them up to be trained.

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New video chat service offers fewer gambles

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

ChatRoulette is an Internet social networking phenomenon that has seen a dramatic expansion in popularity since it was created in December. The premise is simple; users hook up a webcam to a computer, hit the “Play” button, and then are free to engage in conversations with random strangers. If the stranger is unappealing or perverted, the user can hit a “Next” button and start a new conversation with another stranger.

Trent Shrader, sophomore in pre-veterinary medicine, uses ChatRoulette occasionally and thinks some of the people on the site don’t have the best intentions.

“It’s a lot of fun when you’re bored, and a good way to pass the time,” Shrader said. “If you’re on it alone, it’s kind of creepy occasionally. You can run into some weird people on there, but if you’re on it with friends and just messing around it’s a good time.”

Meeting interesting strangers is the major appeal of ChatRoulette, and all the meetings are transitory. One moment a user can be talking to a student in Russia, and the next moment they’ll be talking with a couple from New York.

Alternatives are starting to develop that have the goal of eliminating some of the unsavory elements festering in ChatRoulette. Recently, CampusLIVE, a Massachusetts-based social networking company, established its own version of ChatRoulette that allows users to either meet random strangers ChatRoulette style or connect with friends.

Users must have a college email address in order to use the service, removing middle age users and high school kids from CampusLIVE.

Chris Ziomek, director of business development at CampusLIVE, said CampusLIVE is trying to make a great idea better by making it only for college students.

“We’re kind of ahead of the curve in real time social networking; we’re trying to get across campus diversity,” Ziomek said.

CampusLIVE’s video chatting service is also a chance to make a more lasting connection than that formed on ChatRoulette because it has an option to add the people you’re talking to as friends on Facebook.com.

The video chat service was launched two weeks ago, and in the first four days about 10,000 students used the program.

Taylor Robillard, freshman in construction science, said CampusLIVE was a nice change, and was getting tired of ChatRoulette.

“It was better than ChatRoulette because I didn’t have to wait a long time to find someone who was actually interesting to talk to,” Robillard said. “I mean it’s all college students, not a bunch of old creepers.”

Users still need to be careful though; there is still the potential to meet college students who are using CampusLIVE for the wrong reasons.

Father of autistic child launches ‘Operation Jack’

Bethaney Wallace | COLLEGIAN

When Sam Felsenfeld broke his neck at the age of 16 in a swimming pool accident, it was fate that allowed him to regain the use of his legs.

“I’d always been grateful that my legs were spared. Because there’s a reason for that. I should’ve been paralyzed,” said Felsenfeld, a 1998 K-State graduate. Fifteen years later, on Nov. 7, 2006, on what Felsenfeld calls “a birthday for his legs,” his 4-year-old son Jack was diagnosed with autism.

Felsenfeld decided to take his new hobby for running marathons and turn it into a fundraiser for autism awareness. His efforts, a program named Operation Jack, is his mission to run at least one marathon per week, totaling 60 in a single year.

“I wanted to think about a reason for that,” Felsenfeld said in reference to having full use of his legs despite breaking his neck. “I brainstormed for close to eight months before I found out what I was going to do. It took awhile, but I wanted to combine my running with Jack’s autism.” In February 2009, Felsenfeld said he decided to create Operation Jack but was unsure how to get it started.

Train 4 Autism, a program that allows athletes to compete their way to raising funds for those with



COURTESY PHOTO

Tiffany and Sam Felsenfeld, along with their children Ava, Benjamin and Jack, pose together after a marathon. As part of Operation Jack, Sam will run 60 marathons this year to raise awareness and funds for Train 4 Autism, a non-profit charity.

autism and their families, was Felsenfeld’s answer. The company helps athletes get through races and gives them a fundraising page, he said.

“Starting a charity isn’t what I want to do. They had the foundation built and they needed help building a skyscraper,” said Felsenfeld. “I didn’t want to build the foundation – I wanted to build the sky scraper. We were made for each other.”

Felsenfeld, after talking with his wife Tiffany, launched Operation Jack, starting its Web site July 1, 2009, where marathon dates and times are posted. The site also offers a spot for donations, T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale and a program called 10X10, where a participant gets 10 people to donate \$10 to the charity.

Operation Jack allows Felsenfeld, along with other runners who volunteer, to receive donations for

each marathon, half marathon or shorter that they compete in. For every \$100 raised 9 percent is given to Train 4 Autism to help with company expenses, 6 percent is given to Kintera, a company that handles the fundraising site and credit card fees, etc., and 85 percent goes to any non-profit autism-related charity of the participant’s choice. Charities can range from programs that take autistic children surfing to those building long-term housing for autistic adults, said Ben Fesagaiga, founder of Train 4 Autism.

Because Operation Jack is its own nonprofit organization, after paying for traveling expenses, the charity will donate all of his profits to Train 4 Autism, said Fesagaiga. Since it was founded in 2007, Train 4 Autism has raised over \$70,000, benefiting over 20 charities, Fesagaiga said.

“We’ve been working with Sam and we’re excited about everything he’s been doing,” Fesagaiga said. “I strongly believe that if we didn’t exist he would’ve created something similar to us.”

Although he runs on a daily basis now, Felsenfeld said he didn’t start running until about six years ago. After years of an unhealthy lifestyle, Sam realized it was causing him health problems and began exercising.

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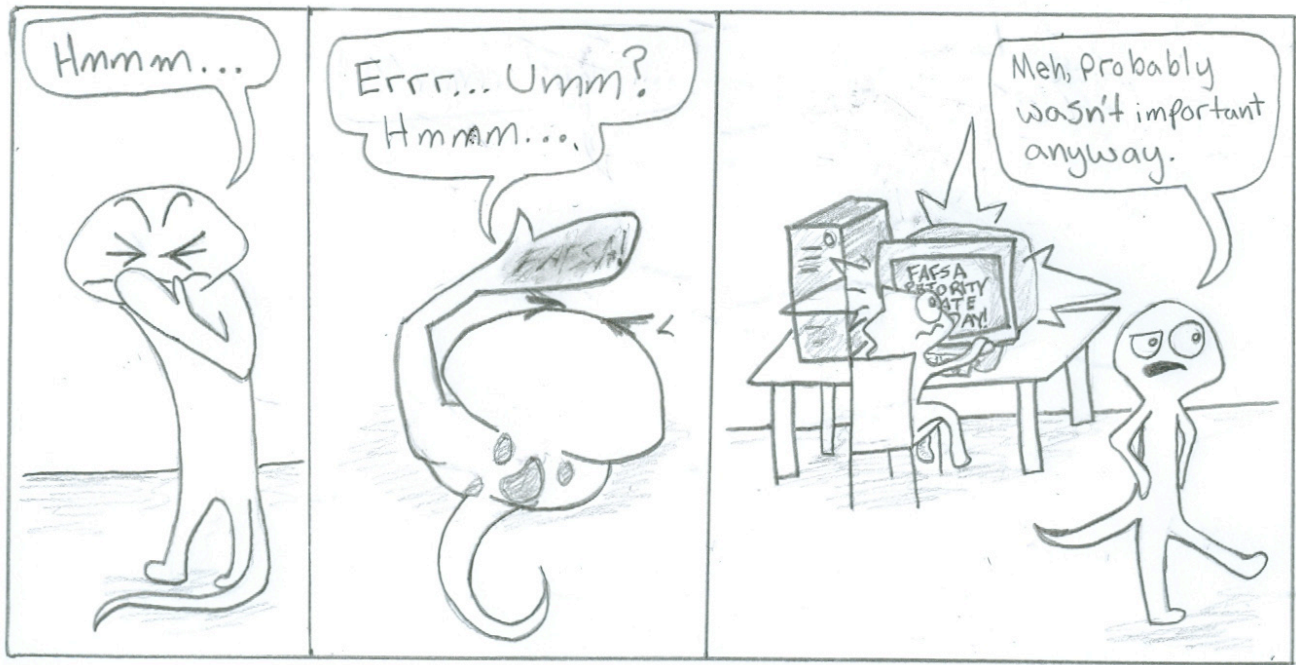
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THE PLANNER

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The K-State Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society is hosting a free screening of the documentary film "The End of the Line" on April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Little Theatre.

K-State TV will be premiering the UPC's March 30 Dancing with the K-State Stars contest on Friday April 2, at 8 p.m. on cable Channel 8. Tune into to see which K-State celebrity took home the mirror ball trophy. Check the Web site k-state.tv for additional dates and times to watch program.

The City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department is looking for volunteer youth baseball and softball coaches for the upcoming summer season. The approximate season for the leagues will be May 17 - July 23. Interested individuals may contact MPRD at 587-2757 or e-mail Jeff Mayer at mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us.

A Census 2010 Questionnaire Assistance Center table, with an employee from the Census Bureau who can answer all of your questions, will be at the K-State Student Union outside of the food court, weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 16. Feel free to stop by.

K-State For All! disability awareness week is March 28 - April 3. Stop by the second floor showcase in the Union during the week to see a disability rights timeline. The week includes the following events: -Today: Healthy Decisions, in conjunction with K-State For All! disability awareness week, will host guest speaker Kevin Saunders at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. -Friday: Musical entertainment will be provided at the Lunchtime Lounge in the Union Courtyard at noon. K-State students with disabilities will be the featured performers.

Rec Services is offering "Hip Hop Dance," a five-week dance program, beginning April 5. The beginner level is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., with the intermediate/advanced level on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days at 7:30 p.m. and Adult Hip Hop on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex by calling 785-532-6980.

Rec Services is offering a five-week dance program "Just Dance" on Monday evenings. The beginner level is at 6:30 p.m., the intermediate at 7:30 p.m. and advanced technique at 8:30 p.m. The first class is a free trial class for all levels. Sign up in the administrative office by calling 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Matthew Basel Friday at 1 p.m. in the Chemistry/Biochemistry Building, Room 437. The topic will be "Targeting Cancer Therapy: Using Protease Cleavage Sequences to Develop More Selective and Effective Cancer Treatments."

The Graduate School announces the defense of doctoral dissertation by Yared Assefa titled "Grain Sorghum in the Hybrid Era, 1957-2008: Yield with Hybrid Advancement and Improved Agronomic Practices." It will be at 1:30 p.m. on April 12 in Throckmorton 2002.

Powercat Financial Counseling hosts Walk-in Financial Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Office of Student Activities and Services, ground floor of the Union. No appointment necessary. Come in and ask peer financial counselors your quick money questions every Friday morning until April 30.

Instructional Design and Technology will offer "IDT Roundtable Show ME, Don't Tell ME!" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 22 in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Bethaney Wallace at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity. Confirmation will not be provided.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There were errors in yesterday's Collegian. The Association of Residence Halls put on Night on the Green Carpet, not the Residence Hall Association. Alaina Shelton is a secondary education math major, not a math major. Kate Whelchel's name was misspelled in the text but

was correct in the cutline. The City Commission does not hold meetings on the fifth Tuesday of the month. The Collegian regrets the errors. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.



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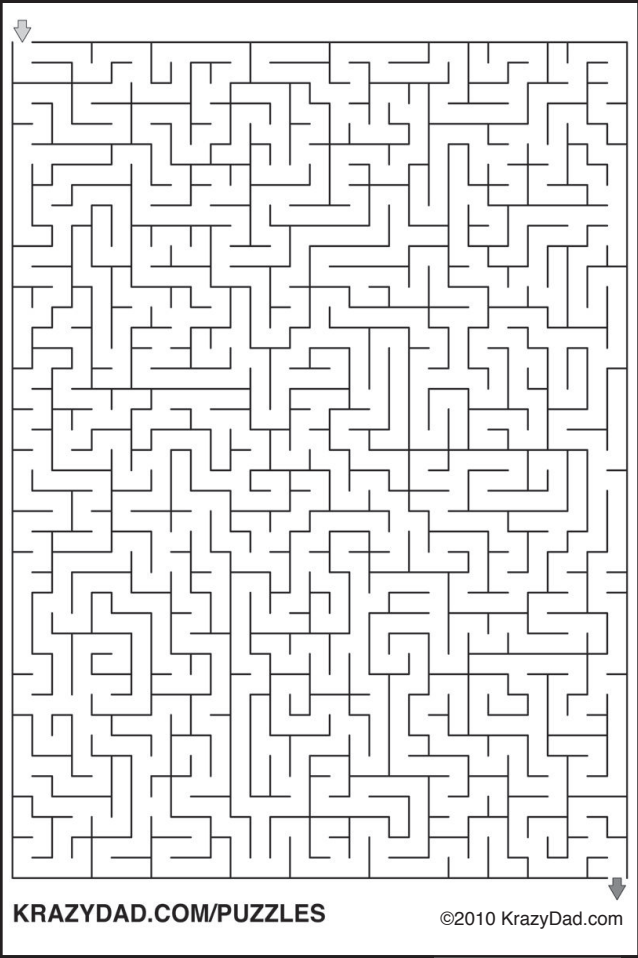
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Nutter's Midweek Musings



Wednesday conundrums while Wildcat Nation reflects on one of the best basketball seasons in school history and transitions to baseball and spring football.

I was fortunate enough to go to Salt Lake City for K-State's regional matchups, and I've got to say, it was well worth the 15-hour drive.

Thursday night's double overtime win against Xavier was probably the best game I've ever seen live. Jamar Samuels said afterwards that it should have been on ESPN Classic that night, and I tend to agree.

According to Frank Martin's comment in yesterday's press conference, he wasn't sure the Wildcats would be able to bounce back after Jordan Crawford's 35-footer at the end of the first overtime period. I'll bet Martin has never been happier to be proven wrong.

That says quite a bit about the players' resiliency when they did what even their coach thought couldn't be done. The willpower of those guys is second to none.

Apparently, so is the stamina. I walked into Peters Recreation Complex on Monday afternoon to find nearly the entire team in the middle of a pickup game. Hard to believe they were playing for a berth in the Final Four just 48 hours prior. Oh well, I guess basketball is basketball.

The list of school records those guys broke this year is awfully long, but there's one stat in particular that really speaks volumes to what Martin has done: Chris Merriewether and Luis Colon are the winningest players in K-State history.

When you think about the fact the Wildcats were once a perennial tournament team and conference contender, that stat becomes even more astounding. Five years ago, the program was in disarray. This year, the Elite Eight. I'm not sure there's been a bigger turnaround in college basketball during that stretch.

Maybe it's a little early to make predictions, but there's no reason to think next year cannot be even better. Sure, Denis Clemente is a huge loss, but Martin has proven several times that he's a recruiting genius. Don't be surprised to see him produce another backcourt gem in the near future.

A message to all my fellow K-State students: Raise your hand if you've ever legitimately gone this far into spring without even thinking about the football team. (Me neither).

Oddly enough, football hasn't played second fiddle to basketball this late in Manhattan since 1988 – ironically, Bill Snyder's first year on the job. I'm sure Snyder hasn't minded the spotlight being focused on another team for once.

Don't get me wrong: I'm plenty excited for next year's football season – fans should definitely expect improvement – but Snyder has never been one for a ton of national attention. I'm sure that's given him extra incentive to root for Martin's crew this month.

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The Road Ahead



Junior guard **Jacob Pullen** celebrates during the last moments of the Wildcats' victory over Brigham Young University to move on to the Sweet Sixteen.

Coach Martin holds high hopes for next season's team

Grant Guggisberg | COLLEGIAN

With the season now over and the emotions from Saturday's loss to Butler University in the Elite Eight not so fresh, K-State men's basketball coach Frank Martin was ready to talk about the past, the future and everything in between.

Martin spoke at great lengths about the future of the program, commenting on everything from the NBA draft status of junior guard Jacob Pullen to the development and additions of the team's incoming class of freshmen.

Perhaps the most obvious question of the day came with an obvious answer, at least in Martin's eyes. For him, replacing senior point guard Denis Clemente is best achieved by handing the ball to the top returning scorer.

"We still have a guy named Jacob Pullen; you might remember his name; I think he is pretty good," Martin said. "We played with two point guards all year. I am not a coach from 1947 where the point guard plays here, the two guard plays here."

The move would put Pullen back at his original position at the point, giving a variety of players like freshman guard Nick Russell, freshman guard Martavious Irving and incoming freshman Will Spradling opportunities to see extended minutes.

"My challenge is getting Will Spradling ready to come in and play from day one," he said. "Our challenge is to get Martavious Irving and Nick Russell to also play like a point guard; those are our challenges."

Entering his fourth season as coach, Martin has a solid balance between seniors and underclassmen. The Wildcats also have one scholarship left to fill for next season but won't use it if they don't find the right athlete.

"I am more concerned with getting the right fit for our team than I am with a certain position or a certain level of talent," Martin said. "But if we do not find the right fit, then we will not bring somebody in. I do not believe in bringing somebody just to fill

a scholarship."

Martin also listed some of the goals for next season for top returners at key positions, like Pullen and sophomore forward Jamar Samuels.

"(Pullen) has got to become a better decision maker," he said. "He was a little inconsistent in making decisions with the basketball in his hands. He made great decisions at times, but he also made poor decisions at times."

While Samuels isn't a primary ball handler, he too must improve his mental game and decision making.

"He has got to be more consistent with his mental approach," Martin said. "He was a lot better this year than he was last year, and that is why we were a better basketball team. He is still a little bit of a roller coaster ride with his daily approach towards the game."

Perhaps the biggest physical project of the offseason will be improving the strength and weight of freshman forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts. He will spend his summer as strength and conditioning coach Scott Greenawalt's biggest project.

"It is hard to ask a 220-pound freshman to go battle a 270-pound center; it is hard to put him out there and expect him to succeed," Martin said. "But I think with an eating program, that between Brandon Yoder, Scott Greenawalt and our staff, and the amount of time that he will spend with Scott, I think the sky is the limit for Jordan."

With the Wildcats looking solid for next season, it's hard to believe Martin isn't looking forward to it already, but the tired coach admitted he was ready for a break and still wants to enjoy the accomplishments of this season. In the meantime, he will be cheering for the West Virginia Mountaineers, led by his friend and former boss, Bob Huggins.

"I am pulling for them wholeheartedly," Martin said. "There is not a better human being in this business than Bob Huggins. There is not a more deserving person in this business than Bob Huggins."

Q: It may not have ended how you wanted it to, but can you share your thoughts on this season?

"I'm a little sad about it, but we've just got to move on in life. I know K-State has a heck of a team. They're going to make it even bigger next year. I'll always support them and I'm proud of my teammates. We never thought we'd be here in the Elite Eight. That's all I have to say, man."

Luis Colon
SENIOR CENTER

"We made it to the Elite Eight. I can't really think of a positive for myself. I ended my year with zero points and four fouls. But as a team, this is the best team I've been a part of. I love these guys. They're like my family."

Jamar Samuels
SOPHOMORE FORWARD

"As a team, we enjoyed the ride. Not a lot of people expected for us to end up where we were. Just being around the three seniors and learning a lot from them, just being able to learn from them; now we can carry where we left off."

Jordan Henriquez-Roberts
FRESHMAN FORWARD

"Honestly, we should be a lot better [next year]. I can't speak for the other four freshmen, but I know for myself; I've learned so much from Denis and Jake. They taught me a lot. Frank has taught me so much about myself as a player and myself as a person. We'll stick together and wait to see what the future holds for us."

Nick Russell
FRESHMAN GUARD

To read the full Q&A with the Men's Basketball team, visit our Web site at kstatecollegian.com



TENNIS

Wildcats play host to Jayhawks at Wamego

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

K-State women's tennis plays host to the Kansas Jayhawks today. The Jayhawks hold a 9-7 record compared to the Wildcats' 4-8 record. Each team defeated Iowa State with a 4-3 score.

Three freshmen continue to lead the Wildcats. Karla Bonacic, Carmen Borau Ramos, and Ana Gomez Aleman have developed throughout the season as critical players.

Head coach Steve Bietau said the trio has continually improved and needs to keep heading in that direction. Each of the players have specific aspects to improve upon, he said, but they all need to continue playing hard.

Bonacic leads the team with Big 12 Conference singles wins. She has a 2-2 record and a 6-13 total record. Borau Ramos also

has a 6-13 record and Gomez Aleman has a 10-15 season record.

"Karla has played progressively better this semester," Bietau said. "She has continued to get better and these last couple of weeks have been pretty good for Karla."

She has won two three-set matches, one against Texas A&M and another against Iowa State.

The team plans to improve its doubles play today after suffering three doubles losses last weekend. Bietau said they are changing the doubles teams up by pairing Bonacic with junior Antea Huljev and sophomore Nina Seric with sophomore Petra Chuda.

"Hopefully, it will be an improvement over Sunday because we didn't do much there," Bietau said. "With the level of play we had Sunday, it was necessary to



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN
Sophomore **Petra Chuda** serves during her match against Wichita State.

do something."

He said the doubles teams are young and his expectations

are no different than with older players. But he said the team has players who are capable of playing well.

Today's match features K-State's rivals. Bietau said the rivalry does not factor into their preparation for the match. The team is just going to try and play their best and win.

"One of the things I've really been pleased with with this freshmen class is how well they've tried to become a part of K-State," he said. "All things have helped make them feel like they're part of something special."

He said by watching the football and basketball teams, the freshmen players have learned what the K-State-KU rivalry means.

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Common courtesy benefits everyone



Jillian Aramowicz

Etiquette is a unique part of our world that varies due to a number of different cultural factors. In some countries, burping is seen as a compliment to the chef who cooked your meal. In other nations, certain hand gestures Americans think of as friendly can come off as rude or even obscene. However, there are some mannerisms I believe we could all improve upon without taking too much time or energy out of our daily lives.

To say I am not biased on this first topic would be a lie. Being part of the service industry has both good and bad aspects. Tipping your waiters and waitresses is a polite habit to form. If you have received good service and had a friendly experience at your bar or restaurant, please remember to leave something at the table or put an adjustment on your ticket. Not only is this a courteous gesture, but remember that the wait-staff at restaurants don't even receive minimum wage for their hourly rate.

In order for them to make decent money, the workers rely on their tips to make up the difference in their paychecks. It really does take a huge amount of energy to deal not just with one, but with several tables at once time after time

again throughout a day or evening. If you had a good time and were treated with enthusiasm and hospitality, please show your appreciation with a tip.

On the same tangent of bar and restaurant etiquette, a problem that is more than slightly annoying is the Pushy Drunk Guy. Please, friends – don't be "That Guy." This issue usually happens when the person in question is either alone or with a few other people. I genuinely like meeting customers, stopping to chat with them and getting a few laughs, but when someone is being flat out obnoxious or overbearing, it can be a very difficult situation to deal with.

For instance, one evening last summer when the bar I work in was pretty busy, a single guy that was a bit disheveled and looked like he was probably circling 30 was drinking alone. He started bothering every girl working that night to no end. It got really bad when he began walking around, following me throughout the room, asking me for my cell number. It got to the point where the lonely drunk offered me 10 bucks for my number. I got my 10 dollars. But he got a fake number. If for nothing other than the sake of decency, don't be "That Guy."

Now that I've picked on the men a little, I feel like I can't possibly leave out the ladies in this column. Switching gears from restaurants to roadblocks, I have something to say on the matter of texting while walking, or rather, the lack thereof. Now, just like men aren't the only problems in bars, I'm

not saying only girls cause this next issue.

But quite honestly, I see more women than men causing unnecessary traffic jams on sidewalks and in doorways. I'm not a great multi-tasker myself, but when someone stops in the middle of a busy sidewalk or in front of a doorway to text, there is nothing I want to do more than throw their phone and push them over.

Maybe I just notice this problem too much, but more than a handful of times in a given week I will see or be behind someone who is either walking at a speed equal to the rate of continental drift (which is, by the way, 5 to 10 centimeters a year. Thank you, environmental geography), or else is stalled completely in the middle of a high-traffic area. This is incredibly rude when you think about it, so please, if you do happen to catch yourself in the middle of a clogged area, take a step to the side and text away.

I know there are many different aspects of etiquette that need to be addressed in our day-to-day lives, but maybe if we all start some basic, decent practices, these small steps will eventually make our society a more pleasant place to live. There is always the good old golden rule standard of treating others how you want to be treated, and as cheesy as it sounds, it seems like a pretty good concept we could all be reminded of from time to time.

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US needs truly free media system for health care details



Myles Ikenberry

Imagine that your interests are opposed to those of the common citizens. You wish to enforce policies that benefit you and your supporters at the expense of the rest of the population. What method would you use to create support for your agenda and derail the efforts of your political and ideological opponents?

The most obvious answer is dictatorial control of media, religion and politicians. But dictatorships have serious problems, including the opposition and rebellions that inevitably arise. A far superior method is to create the illusion of a fully functional democracy and subtly control the opinions of citizens by indoctrinating them into believing your goals are theirs.

By using the media to persistently trumpet carefully chosen talking points, you control citizens' beliefs without them realizing their opinions have been manipulated for political purposes. If you could accomplish this to the fullest extent, you could create a situation resembling the French Revolution in reverse, with the common people rallying to violently and verbally attack anyone who would promote the interests of the public over those of the powerful elite.

Ideally, the public would be so indoctrinated into the belief system that they would view any government policy in opposition to your interests, such as health care reform, as a step toward fascism, socialism and communism.

Fascism is a form of government whose core belief is that a society must function as a single body, with government and business interests working together, not against each other. The different sections of society are controlled and sacrificed when necessary to strengthen the body as a whole. War is considered an important part of maintaining the nation's coherence and power.

Under socialism, the economy and society proceed entirely according to the plans of the government instead of proceeding according to the will of the free market and the unregulated actions of individuals. A socialist believes all forms of capitalism inevitably lead to increasing income disparity and exploitation of the lower classes. Thus, defaulting complete control of the media, educational system and economy to the government is seen as necessary to create a healthy society that protects the interests of citi-

zens from the chaos of unchecked capitalism.

Differing from socialists and fascists, communists believe the destiny of society is the rise of the proletariat (lower class) to overthrow the bourgeois (upper class) and take control of the means of production (land, factories, schools, etc.). The elite few of the proletariat who rise to power are seen as the appropriate leaders of society.

In contrast to the other three forms of government, democratic republics emphasize the importance of leaving power equally distributed in the hands of all people. Laws and economic policies are chosen by the equally weighted consensus of elected officials, instead of by an unelected elite few. In this profound difference lies the inherent superiority of democratic institutions: the power structure is bottom-up (grass roots), not top-down (dictatorial).

However, a democratic society lives and dies by its ability to regulate the healthy functioning of its government, economy and citizens. A truly free and open media system is a feature of a real democratic republic that is tragically absent from the United States. Such an honest media system would inform the public that a democratic society passing laws to protect the interests of the poor is not necessarily leaning toward socialism, fascism, or communism. As in Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Germany and countless other industrialized countries, universal health care is merely a part of the healthy capitalist economic balance that promotes symbiotic class harmony.

The original health care bill, which would have created a strong, cost-effective, single-payer universal health care system similar to the successful programs of other industrialized nations, was gutted by the same special interests groups who created the previous ineffective system. The modified bill that was passed is a ghost of the original, leaving many of the problems with the current system intact and catering to the will of the insurance industry at the expense of the American people. The shortcomings of this bill will no doubt be used as talking points to further discourage real progressive legislation.

On the bright side, at least the Democrats have accomplished some change. It will be easier to keep the ball rolling and fix the problems with the current bill than it will be for special interests to take health care away from so many previously uninsured Americans.

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Framing of debate issues will win the November election



David Rose

In anticipation of the upcoming elections in November, Democrats and Republicans have already begun gearing up their political campaigns. For Democrats to maintain a solid majority in both houses, they will need to stress the progress made so far. For the Republicans to shift the balance of power in Washington, they will need to channel the energy of disgruntled Tea Partiers.

Framing the election is very important for swaying undecided voters. If, in the next seven months, the Democrats can focus the public debate on the sig-

nificant legislation they passed already and any potential legislation on their agenda, they could do well. Specific policies are hard to roll up into easily delivered sound bites, but they do provide the Democrats with concrete evidence of progress in favor of the average American.

The Democrats could spend their time pointing out the effects of the stimulus package and similar jobs bills. They could also stress the student loans bill, or even the proposed financial reform introduced by Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn. But far and above one of the best policies to focus on is health care reform. Democrats passed the landmark legislation last week that will affect millions of Americans.

Because few in the public are aware of what the reform contains, Democrats should use the next several months explaining to America exactly how it

will help. The more people know about how it provides subsidies for families and small businesses to buy health care or how it allows young people like ourselves to remain on our parents coverage until age 26, the more they will come to support it. Furthermore, the 32 million people who the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts will gain coverage because of this reform will undoubtedly have a favorable view of the party that supported it.

Finally, the Democrats can use the obstruction by the Republicans as a tool against them. Democratic incumbents need merely to point to any one of these successful policies and then to the Republican Party that opposed it. Or they could point out any of the many appointments or unemployment benefits Republicans refused to allow. Being the "party of hell no," as former Vice-Presi-

dential candidate Sarah Palin put it, might not work out very well if the party of "yes we can" succeeds in many places.

However, Republican success in November may very well depend on being the party of "no." With more and more people joining the Tea Party movement against big government and higher taxes, the Republicans could do well by resisting Democratic reforms. Thus, much of their strategy should focus less on specific policies and instead feed from the energy of the many disgruntled Americans.

To do that, Republicans will need to frame the debate in such a way that strikes closest to home for many Americans. They could point out that, despite attempts at helping alleviate unemployment, many are still without jobs. Republicans can also use the failure by Democrats to rein in Wall Street executives' pay as a stark

contrast to pain felt by everyone else. Overall, Republicans should hone in on an increasingly alienated public to sway undecided voters.

Finally, the Republicans will likely benefit from the Supreme Court's recent decision to allow corporations unlimited spending on political campaigns. As these corporations feel the pain of Democratic reforms, they will likely funnel much of their funding to help Republicans take office.

In the end, the way either party will succeed in the November election is through careful and deliberate framing of debate issues. What issues the public focuses on, and which they find most important, will decide the political scene for several years to come.

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Wildcats win fourth straight game against rival Shockers

Blake Thorson | COLLEGIAN

No. 20 K-State took down No. 30 Wichita State Tuesday night by a score of 8-3 to complete its 13-game home stand with a record of 12-1 and pushed its record to 20-3 on the season.

The win was the Wildcats' fourth straight versus the Shockers, a feat that had not been accomplished since a 10 game streak between 1906 and 1954 in the 77-game history between the in-state rivals. The Wildcats have also won eight of their last 11 games versus the Shockers dating back to 2005.

In front of a record crowd of 4,745, the Wildcats came out of the gates quickly as they tallied three runs in the bottom half of the second inning to open up a 3-0 lead. The previous attendance record was 4,280 set last season against Kansas.

A one-out single by sophomore Mike Kindel followed by a walk by sophomore Matt Giller set the table for junior first baseman Kent Urban who laced a clean single to right-center field to score Kindel. It was Urban's eighth RBI in the last four ball games. Freshman Tanner Witt then drove the first pitch he saw up the middle for a 2-RBI single to give the Wildcats a three-run advantage.

Sophomore starter pitcher Justin

Lindsey sidestepped trouble through five scoreless innings until Wichita State finally got to the right-hander for three runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Wichita State catcher Cody Lasseley reached on an error to open the inning and after a hit-by-pitch and a walk loaded the bases, Lindsey gave way to freshman pitcher Jake Doller. The erratic pitching continued as Doller plunked the next hitter to score a run. Following an RBI-groundout and a sacrifice fly the Shockers scored three runs.

Wichita State starter Josh Smith settled down after his rocky start to limit the Wildcats to three runs over 5.2 innings of work. The Shockers seemed to have weathered the storm and taken momentum of the game until K-State responded in the bottom of the seventh.

Preseason All-Big 12 junior short-stop Carter Jurica gave the Wildcats the shot in the arm they needed as he connected on an 0-1 pitch for his fourth home run of the year to open the seventh inning. K-State went on to score five runs on four hits, and two Shocker errors in the inning helped the Wildcats claim their 8-3 advantage.

Sophomore reliever pitcher and Wichita native Matt Applegate picked up the win, his first on the

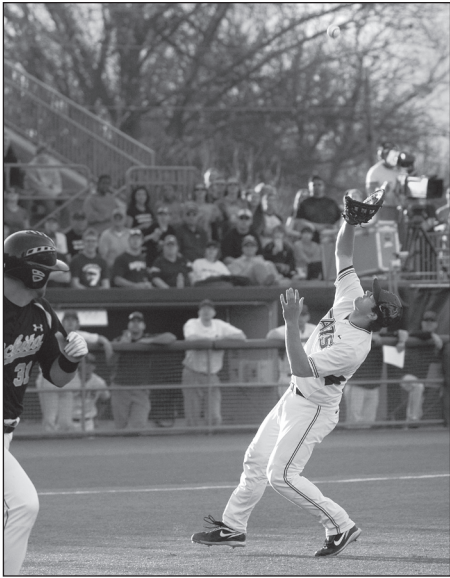
season, pitching 2.2 scoreless innings of relief while giving up only one hit.

"The majority of their guys are from Wichita; I've played against a lot of them. It was special," Applegate said.

Sophomore Nick Martini also achieved something special during the evening as his two hits pushed his hitting streak to 20 games for the year. Witt, who has split time this season at second base, finished the evening 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

K-State head coach Brad Hill praised Witt on his performance. "He did a great job. I gave him an opportunity on Sunday against Oklahoma State and he got a key hit, so I sent him out there again tonight and I'm glad I did."

There will be no rest for the weary as the Wildcats will now travel to Lubbock, Tex. for a three-game series against Texas Tech beginning Thursday and concluding Saturday. The Red Raiders chose to move the series up a day to avoid playing on Easter Sunday.



Junior **Kent Urban** catches an infield fly during the baseball game against Wichita State Tuesday evening. Urban has been a solid contributor to the baseball team this semester with a .338 batting average along with a .985 fielding percentage.

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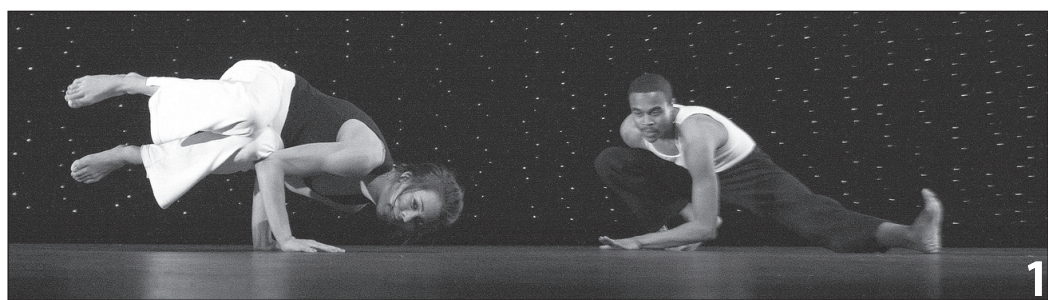
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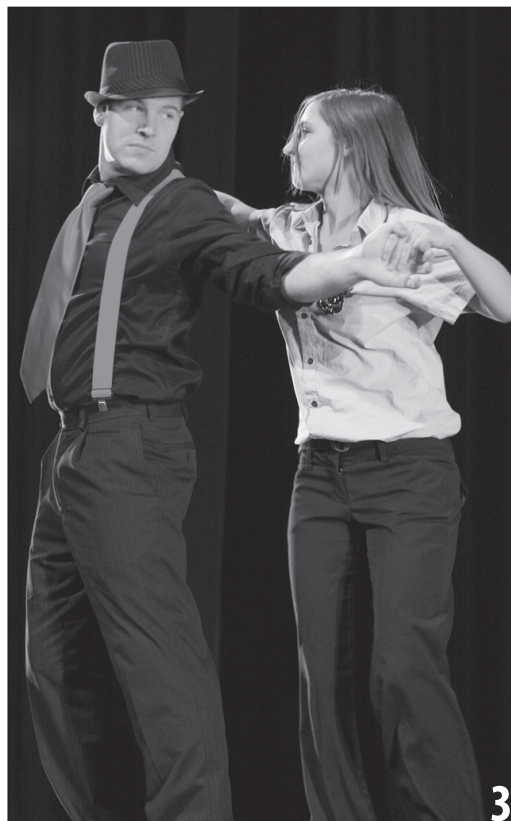
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Dancing with the K-State stars



Performances shine with variety

Tiffany Roney | COLLEGIAN

The audience sang, hollered and jived in their seats as Angela Muhwezi and Damien Thompson tore up the stage with their hip-hop moves, to the tune of Ester Dean and Chris Brown's "Drop It Low."

This performance was one of 10 in Tuesday night's "Dancing with the K-State Stars," a dance-off that paired prominent K-Staters, like student body vice president Dalton Henry, with K-State dance specialists, including Classy Cat Morgan Combs, sophomore in communication sciences and disorders.

Though Muhwezi, sophomore in biology, and Thompson, sophomore in life sciences, won the competition, they were the last partners to get paired up, so they were only able to practice for nine days.

What Muhwezi and Thompson did not receive in time, they made up for in other ways.

"Every time we practiced, we practiced hard, and I think that showed out there, because we were pretty confident," Muhwezi said.

That confidence, mixed with the pair's energetic choreography, garnered them 10 out of 10 points from all four judges, resulting in an absolutely perfect score.

David Ollington, associate professor of communication studies and judge for the night, said three words in response to the pair's performance: "That was dancing."

While Thompson was considered to be a "professional" since he is a member of the POIZE Hip Hop Dance Team, he said he was surprised they won, because he was simply having a good time.

"It's a song we both really liked. It's one of those where you're like, 'Oh, that's the jam!'" he said. "We like to feed off each other, so when she's getting intense, I'm like, 'Okay, I gotta get intense too,' so we try to portray that in everything."

In addition to the winning number, several other pairs gave memorable performances.

UPC program adviser Ben Hopper and his partner Simone Dorsey showed off a spicy cha-cha to Christina Aguilera's "Ain't No Other Man." Tyrone Williams, sophomore in theatre, and Abby Fay, senior in marketing, brought an international vibe with their Capoeira dance. There was even an appearance by Willie the Wildcat, who incorporated the famed K-S-U move into his routine.

1. Abby Fay and Tyrone Williams perform a Capoeira dance to "La Laue," by Roda Maravilhosa.

2. Becky Hickert a judge for the competition, explains to the contestants where they could have improved.

3. Dalton Henry and Tiffany Muck show off their East Coast Swing.

4. Zack Kendall and Lindsay Ratliff performed the salsa for their dance number.

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5. Angela Muhwezi and Damien Thompson dance hip hop to the song "Drop It Low," by Ester Dean and Chris Brown.

Ashley Kuegler | COLLEGIAN

Still, it was obvious to all that Muhwezi and Thompson's routine stood above the rest, said Ashley Heptig, senior in elementary education.

"They were so amazing. I wanted to get up and dance after they were done," Heptig said. "Everybody was really getting into it, and I think they really inspired the whole crowd."

Though only time will tell who next year's performers will be, Heptig said she wanted to encourage all K-State students to come to Dancing with the K-State Stars 2011.

"The fact that they can have all these pros available at K-State, and so many 'celebrities' to come out and do such a great job; it's fantastic," she said.

The event is held each year at McCain Auditorium and is sponsored by the Union Program Council.



For video coverage of "Dancing with the K-State Stars" visit us online at kstatecollegian.com

AWKWARD GRAD

Big Pink Caboose Part One



Adam Reichenberger

As soon as we stepped on the train, it loved us. There was no doubt of that. We were seated in the front of the caboose with the most leg room. I couldn't stop smiling.

"See?" I asked. "It's awesome."

Megan shrugged her shoulders, not ready to believe, and curled up in the seat beside mine. It was 1 a.m. We quickly fell asleep.

Just as quickly, we woke up. Sleeping on a train sucks. The seats are very comfortable to sit in. They're wide, they lean far back, and you've got two leg rests. Plus, they're just comfy. Great for riding long distances, until you try to sleep. The moment you shut your eyes they become a bed of nails and you hear and see everything going on around you.

We soon learned the downfall of the front row. Just before us was the door to the outside world and subsequently the next car in front of us. The door itself was loud, but have you ever been around a train when it flies by? They're loud, real loud. So we've got that going on just feet in front of us, too.

Around 4 a.m. I popped a couple Benadryl, mostly to put me to sleep but also because my neck had become ungodly itchy. I finally fell back asleep and right when the Benadryl was in championship form, I felt a nudge.

"Wake up, dude."

"What?"

"It's last call for breakfast," she said, so calmly.

"What?" I was so confused.

"Come on."

"What time is it?" Confused and drugged up.

"7:30."

"WHAT? Who are these people?" Dumbfounded.

So we stumbled down to the dining car, and I really mean stumbled. Walking on trains is an art, one I developed and mastered throughout the 33-hour trek, but at 7:30 a.m. with a hoard of Diphenhydramine HCL chasing through my bloodstream, walking was the last thing I was capable of.

Lucky for me, I was tall enough to reach the luggage rack overhead and sort of monkey-barred my way down, letting my legs drag behind.

For breakfast, we had a Miller Light and a mimosa, which caught plenty of strange looks from tables around us, but the mother and son seated with us, across the table, loved it. Gretchen and Colin.

On trains, they seat you with whomever to fill seats. This proved extremely valuable at dinner when Jon and Not-Rita thought we were just the bee's knees and bought not only our \$60 meal, but all our drinks between us as well. I wasn't kidding when I said this train loved us.

Colin had a very obnoxious laugh that was hilariously awful, just terrible. Do you think you can change your laugh? Or if you just have an awful, annoying laugh, are you stuck with it? Can you work on it; practice? It was bad.

"So how long have you two been married?" Gretchen asked me when Megan went three cars back to the bathroom. This was a common question. By the time we left that train, everyone either thought we were married, haunted or alcoholic.

"Oh." I was caught off guard. I can't imagine what miserable expression I was giving her being well past half asleep still.

"We, uh, we're not."

"She's so cute."

"Well..." I drew it out, "she can be."

When we got to Albuquerque, N.M., we were let off the train for nearly an hour to "catch train time." Noticing other trains going by still, I borrowed a penny and stepped off the platform to place it on the tracks.

Megan and I watched and waited. After a few minutes another train came whistling proudly out of the distance and after a few minutes more it was nearing our doorstep hat-in-hand. I was quite anxious to see this go down,

all the while bogged down with the thought of "What if this penny derails that train?" Run away.

The train slowed as it approached, but this was it. There was my penny. There was my train. Almost there...

The train stopped five feet before the penny.

I dropped to my knees in agony and disbelief. Not really, but I think I yelled something.

Megan offered her condolences. "You owe me one cent."

Sure I could have gone back for it, picked it up and pocketed it; maybe even placed it again. But no; I didn't even want to look at that penny. Never again.

That night, a peculiar thing happened. We were in the middle of the desert in the middle of the night, not a light to be seen below the sky, and then the train stopped. It just stopped. The air conditioning quit; the lights went out. I found it eerily relaxing. Megan too, along with the young couple across the aisle, seemed perfectly calm. But the 14-member family behind us freaked out!

"What's going on?! Is this normal, does this happen? There's no air. Where's the air? My contacts are dry!" I laughed out loud a lot. It was all great, but I loved that the train stopping was a cause for concern for her dry contacts. Of course, no one really knew who her questions were directed at so they mostly went ignored and laughed at.

Miss Dry Eyes came up to the front and peered through the door to the next car. "Why aren't they freaking out?! I think they're still asleep! How are they asleep?" I might have been laughing the entire time we were stopped. She struggled with the door.

"Sitting here," I offered, "I think it's my responsibility to read this to you." I read the emergency procedure for opening the doors when the power goes out that was posted directly in front of me. She couldn't get it.

"It's hot! It's so hot. Have you ridden a train before?" she asked nobody. "Is this normal?"

I walked down to get a drink and look out some different windows. When I came back I told Megan, "There's a couch on the tracks."

"A couch?" she said, laughing.

"A couch. Just sittin' there."

"Should we tell them? Do you think we should let the others know?"

People will believe anything. I laughed silently.

"You can. You can tell them anything you want, babe. I'm just going to tell you that there's a couch on the tracks." I might have been punched in the arm.

Soon we heard a loud rocking sound getting nearer from behind. Maybe the train's starting. Before I could turn to see what was happening this large middle-aged woman with sails for upper arms and a bright pink shirt (even in the dark) came storming past us to the door again. In one terrifyingly swift motion she threw the door open (exactly how the emergency procedure described) and continued storming on up a ways. I lost sight of her in the darkness, but I'm sure she scared hundreds of people and worried the rest. Babies cried.

After a while, Megan grew concerned for the pink woman.

"She's been gone a really long time." She wasn't really concerned at all.

"Should we send someone after her? Make sure she's ok?" We weren't about to lose a fellow caboose on account of darkness and not-so-bad heat. But she came back and the 14ers went right into it: "What's happening? What's wrong? Is something wrong? I don't get it! Why isn't anyone helping us?"

The pink woman divulged her findings: "It's way hotter back here than any other car. Everyone else is still sleeping. I kept going from car to car until I reached this sign that said I couldn't go past. But you know what I did? I went past it." Guys, she went past it. Eventually she got to the point. She heard from a guy who knows a guy who said we had lost an engine and they were repairing it. Though, by the time she got this conveyed the train was already kicking dust again.

It should be noted that the whole time Pinky was gone, Megan and I were doing our part to scare the others by making random tapping and scratching sounds against the metal walls.

A lot of weird things happened on this train, and I didn't even tell you about the lounge ... But the train was so much better than I could have ever imagined! Megan's hesitant, but I think she liked it more than she puts on. I really loved it though, and I'm pretty sure it loved us too. It was sad to say goodbye.

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South American herbal tea provides nutrients, energy

Mayra Rivarola | COLLEGIAN

Centuries ago, the goddesses of the moon and the cloud came down to the Earth to visit the natives. On their way to the tribe, they encountered a fierce jaguar ready to attack them. An old man sighted them and shot an arrow from a distance, killing the jaguar.

To show their gratitude, the goddesses gave the old man a small tree from which they could use the leaves to prepare a drink of friendship. Today, millions of locals in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Paraguay consume the drink of friendship known as yerba mate.

Yerba mate is a drink made from a small tree called *Ilex paraguariensis*, or maté, native to the subtropical Atlantic forests of Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina. Yerba Mate is translated as “cup herb,” yerba meaning herb and mate meaning cup.

For centuries, the tribe Ache Guayaki have consumed the yerba mate for its invigorating and rejuvenating effects. The multiple health benefits of the drink have attracted millions of American and European consumers and scientists.

HEALTH BENEFITS

The leaves of the tree contain 24 vitamins and minerals, 15 amino acids and abundant antioxidants, delivering both energy and nutrition. The drink boosts physical energy by stimulating the central nervous system. Its blend of stimulating components, including caffeine, theophylline and theobromine, provides sustaining energy.

The caffeine content is comparable to that of coffee, but the plant’s nutritional content balances the side effects of caffeine out, making it suitable for people

who are generally sensitive to the drug. Studies have shown that yerba mate can help increase mental alertness and clarity, without the common side effects of caffeinated coffee.

Some studies have shown benefits when used in weight loss programs and as a treatment for gastrointestinal disorders.

DRINKING YERBA MATE

The drink is prepared by steeping the leaves and twigs of the plant in a gourd with hot water, and it is sipped through a metal straw, which serves as a filter. In Paraguay, parts of Brazil and parts of Argentina, the infusion is also served with icy water, and the drink is referred to as tereré.

The taste is grassy and herbal, similar to green tea. If the water is too hot, the maté will burn, resulting in a bitter flavor.

Just as Americans often meet friends in a coffee shop, yerba mate is served in social gatherings as a symbol of hospitality. Usually one person prepares the drink and tastes it to make sure the maté is smooth. The gourd is refilled with water and passed along.

Each person drinks the entire gourd, and passes it back to the server. When someone has had enough of the drink, they say “Thank you” and pass it back to the server. The server will not pass it back to this person.

Paraguayans, Brazilians, Argentinians and Uruguayans have included this ritual in social gatherings, preserving the traditions of their ancestors and passing along the drink of friendship.

In the United States, people can purchase yerba maté in different forms through www.guayaki.com.



Top: The yerba mate drink is known for its health benefits. It helps stimulate focus and clarity and boosts physical energy without the side effects of other common stimulant drugs. It is also a symbol of hospitality, for which it is referred to as, “the drink of friendship.”

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The march will start at 6:00 p.m. on the corner of Yuma and 17th Street and will continue on 17th Street and pass by the Martin Luther King bust. The reception after the walk will be held at the Cottonwood room in the Student Union at 6:30 p.m.

Signatures will be collected at the reception. Please come and celebrate Cesar Chavez's Birthday and support the effort of making March 31 a Cesar Chavez National Holiday.



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AWARENESS | Dogs provide numerous services for owners

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the bigger cause.

“You see people getting their dogs at the graduation ceremony,” said Amy Riscoe, Overland Park resident and CCI volunteer puppy trainer. “So that’s when you realize that it’s all worth it.”

Mike Fredhom, Kansas City resident, had a spinal injury and is now in a wheelchair. He was matched up with Fancy over a year ago, and he particularly finds the dog’s retrieving skills useful.

“If I go up to my van and drop my keys, and they slide underneath the van, I’m in trouble,” he said. “I’m thinking, ‘Dang, this isn’t good,’ but Fancy dives in there and gets them for me.”

Fancy not only proved her retrieving skills to the public, but also promptly responded with a loud bark at the speak command, useful for when counters are too high for Mike to be seen from the other side or when

ring bells are unreachable.

Fredhom thanked all the volunteers who put a tremendous amount of effort into the process, giving him the opportunity to live more independently and confidently.

Not all dogs become service dogs, Sloan said. If professionals identify dogs with special abilities, they receive more training and become hearing dogs, which are then matched with people with severe hearing impairments.

Other dogs become skilled companion dogs, which accompany people with cognitive or physical disabilities under the guidance of a parent, spouse or caregiver. Others become facilities dogs, which are partnered with a facilitator working in nursing homes or schools.

Paulie Vaden, 2004 K-State graduate and school counselor in the Kansas City area, applied for a facilitator dog and after a yearlong process was matched with Faula.

“It has been the most rewarding

experience,” Vaden said. “Faula has helped increase traffic to the office.”

Vaden is a counselor for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, a total of 550 students. Many students think visiting the counselor’s office means being in trouble.

“Students now say, ‘I’m gonna visit Faula’ and they come to my office,” she said. “Then they start talking to Faula when they are actually talking to me.”

Assistance dogs also provide strong emotional support. They can help children overcome their shyness with other adults, in the case of a school setting, or serve as an icebreaker when a person does not know how to approach a person with disabilities, according to the CCI Web site.

Fredhom’s dog responds to the lap command by jumping on his lap.

“In a cold day they can warm you up, or if you’ve had a bad day,” he said. “You love these dogs to death; they really are like a family member.”

JACK | Father runs marathons to benefit children with autism

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“I was never athletic; I cheated on the mile in high school – running was punishment,” he said. “I gained weight, smoked a lot and drank a lot in college. And I was having health problems because I never took care of myself.”

Sam said he started walking regularly at the age of 30, and walking turned into running.

“It took me nearly two decades, but I finally realized I have a gift that can help other people,” he said.

Since New Year’s Day, Sam has run 15 races, some of which were a day apart.

“I wanted to make something happen. It’s exhausting; it runs me into the ground – but I’m reaching people,” he said. “I just want to do something bigger than myself, better than myself, not about myself.”

Sam will return to Kansas on April 10 to run his 17th marathon in Operation Jack and the following day, he will compete in Dallas.

“I’m able to run marathons and recover quickly; it’s not a big deal. Everyone has something they’re good at,” Sam said. “I’m just taking advantage of something I have the ability to do.”

Tiffany said the effects of Operation Jack on others are important to both her and Sam.

“A lot of people ask me if he’s going to do all the marathons and my answer is, ‘I know that he’ll do this,’” Tiffany said. “I know he’ll do this because his heart is in it. There’s been some tough weekends, but we want to make Jack to make an impact on the world. Hopefully we can make something happen out of this.”

Sam and Tiffany said they knew Jack was well behind from a young age. When he was a year and a half, Jack tested 6 – 9 months old max in some areas and 3 months in other areas, and was not talking, Sam said. After a rec-

ommendation from their pediatrician, they said, they decided to take Jack to speech therapy.

“Our oldest son was late talking and was in speech therapy for eight months. We thought ‘been there done that’ – thought Jack would be in and out,” Sam said. “The more time went on we realized we had a real problem.”

Between special education first grade, therapy and occupational therapy, Jack’s life is kept busy six to seven days and 50 hours a week, Tiffany said.

“On Wednesdays he goes to gymnastics. I call that his happy hour for the week; he just gets to go and have fun and not follow such a tight schedule,” Tiffany said.

As for Operation Jack, Sam said it is his goal for Jack’s life to reach people, whether or not he understands the significance.

“It was only in the last year or so we actually realized he knew who we were,” Sam said. “He has no idea I even run, no idea he has 1,300 fans on Facebook; no clue people wear shirts with his name on it. He’ll never have any idea what I’ve done or what his role is in all of this. That kind of makes it cool in a way.”

Operation Jack will reach its 60th marathon on Dec. 27, marking over 1,500 miles Sam will have run competitively in the program.

“There’s no logical reason for me to run the way I do. I’m the slow, fat, unathletic, drunk-on-the-weekend, pack-a-day-for-four-years guy who broke his neck and should be a quadriplegic,” Sam said. “That’s why I know it’s a gift. My legs were spared for a purpose, Jack suffers for a purpose and [this] year we’ll find out if that purpose is Operation Jack.”

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